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Nica big led snortin' life, he says

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WASHINGTON—A former Sandinista police official has testified that Nicaraguan Interior Minister Tomas Borge spent "millions raised in cocaine trafficking to support a whole harem of women" and to live in non-Marxist opulence in Managua.

Jose Baldizon Aviles, a key Borge aide until he fled to Honduras last summer, said he had been an avowed Marxist but grew disenchanted when he saw how the Sandinist leaders corrupted the revolution that toppled dictator Anastasio Somoza in July 1979.

Baldizon, 27, told the House Foreign Affairs Committee Tuesday he became "suspicious of official involvement of the government in narcotics trafficking" in 1982 after Borge ordered all cocaine confiscated by police turned over to his office within 72 hours.

No criminal indictments

But instead of using the drugs as exhibits in criminal trials, Baldizon said, Borge apparently used it for his own business. Perhaps not surprisingly, he said, no criminal indictments resulted from the confiscations.

Baldizon said his job was to investigate official corruption but he discovered his boss was a major cocaine trafficker secretly running a firm called H & M Enterprises, which laundered money for the drug sales.

He said Borge admitted Nicaraguan government involvement in cocaine trafficking into the United States, claiming it was "not for immoral purposes but to obtain U.S. dollars needed to finance espionage activities."

But Baldizon said he later discovered millions of dollars went into the pockets of Borge and other Nicaraguan officials. He said Borge not only used the money to sup-

port a stable of women but lived in luxury, importing 1,000 video cassettes for his personal use from Panama, buying a batch of sports cars for himself and friends and sending relatives on posh European vacations.

Reagan administration officials long have claimed that Borge and other Sandinistas were involved in the trafficking of cocaine from Colombia, by way of a military airport outside Managua, into the U.S.

Frederico Vaughan, a key aide to Borge, was convicted in Miami last year in the delivery of 1,450 pounds of cocaine from Nicaragua to Miami.